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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6779

INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF, LT

SUBJECT: LESOTHO REFUGEE REPORT NO. 1

REF: A. STATE 39794, B. MASERU 0208,

1. FOLLOWING IS POST'S FIRST REFUGEE REPORT REQUESTED REFTEL A AND IS KEYED TO PARA 2. INFORMATION RELATED TO LARGE DE FACTO GROUP OF REFUGEES (3,000 TO 11,000) AND REFUGEES AT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO REPORTED REFTEL B, PARA 3-5, REMAINS UNCHANGED.

2. UNHCR DEFINED REFUGEE GROUP REMAINS RELATIVELY SMALL (APPROXIMATELY 100). SINCE REFTEL B, 5 YOUNG PRE-UNIVERSITY REFUGEES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO POST-SOWETO GROUP. ALL 30 POST-SOWETO REFUGEES ARE HOUSED IN LARGE GOL-PROVIDED STAFF HOUSE, EXCEPT FOR ONE GIRL AT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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N.U.L. MONTHLY UNHCR LIVING ALLOWANCE IS POOLED BY THIS GROUP TO PAY FOR FOOD COSTS. GOL HAS PLACED ALL OF THEM IN SCHOOL SYSTEM AND PROVIDED BOOKS FREE OF CHARGE.

3. ASSESSMENT: RECENTLY ANNOUNCED GRANT OF \$100,000 TO NUL BY AAI SHOULD HELP RELIEVE FINANCIAL BURDEN OF REFUGEES AT NUL. POST AWAITING VISIT OF AAI OFFICIAL, MR. WILBUR JONES ON MARCH 23

TO BE FULLY BRIEFED ON AIMS AND PURPOSES OF GRANT. NOTHING FURTHER  
HAS BEEN HEARD FROM GOL ON ITS REPORTED CLAIM OF 3,000 TO 11,000  
DE FACTO REFUGEES. NEEDS OF UNHCR DEFINED GROUP SEEM TO BE WELL  
MANAGED BY CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF LESOTHO AND GOL. THERE IS LITTLE  
APPARENT NEED FOR USG CONCERN AT THIS TIME.  
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